

Academic Standards Committee Meeting Agenda
Saturday, Oct 4, 2014
The Greene School
94 John Potter Rd
West Greenwich, RI
11 am-1 pm

Present: Deanna Duncan, Giselle Pellerano-Monserratt, Amy Pratt, Lisa Cash, Fran Mossberg, Jen Sherer

1. World language update
 - a. Dee reviews program
 - b. Shares data of student status at the moment
 - c. How to identify reasons for struggle and support students who are behind (why are they behind—did they switch levels, language, are they doing it for homework, are they working consistently, are they struggling with the language or the design of the program?)
 - d. TA sees user information and conferences with each student regularly
 - e. Goal: Insert reflection time for a few minutes in the beginning and end of class
 - f. How much support do the students need/have? How often does the teacher communicate with them? Do they need mini-lessons or will the program support them where they are stuck?
 - g. What are the non-negotiable components from Level 1 so we can reduce the workload, if needed? What's the enduring foundation that will prepare them for next year?
 - h. Small school setting: this allows for choice in language, differentiation. Allows students to engage in online learning in a supported, safe space.
2. Graduation requirements
 - a. Do we want to change our credit requirements to align with the state's so we don't lose kids to their sending schools?
 - b. We lose students for two reasons—some leave for AP classes, other clubs, opportunities we don't have. The other group leaves because the state has easier requirements.

- c. Possibility of losing seniors who are missing credits—can go back to their sending school and graduate.
 - d. What are the tradeoffs to this decision?
 - e. What impact will improved differentiated assessments (CP and honors) have?
 - f. Potential for a couple of our courses to be eligible for dual enrollment. Pay RIC and get college credit for the course.
- 3. Expansion of school
 - a. Numbers for potential expansion presented
 - b. Potential new site discussed
- 4. Better solution for lunch pick up
 - a. Ask for a parent volunteer
- 5. Fraternization policy discussion
 - a. Tabled for now; Dee will discuss at SLT first
- 6. What can ASC committee to do support 2014-15 school goals?
 - a. Dee will think about this

No votes will be taken except to approve minutes.

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